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Hi All: Many of you were on the just completed call. CDA as an organization and our individual BIDS are being asked to rally to actively oppose SB608 (Sen. Carol Liu sponsored) "Right to Rest" related to homeless persons conduct in public spaces. It is similar tho different from AB 5 which we opposed last year and was defeated. A comparison by Kerry Morrison of the Hollywood Entertainment BID is included in the attachments, as is the proposed SB608 text and the letter HED sent last year re AB5.

I am asking us to engage as follows:

1. officially **oppose** this measure. We need to vote – if people want to discuss we need to schedule a conf. call ASAP.
2. If we vote to oppose then on that basis I will compose and send a letter (copying all of you) to the Cal Transportation & Housing Agency which is taking up the matter on **April 7 in Sacramento**. Can a CDA Sac. member and anyone else be there? Pls let me know.
3. LACCA has set up a meeting on **April 17** to meet in Sen. Liu's district office in **Glendale**. We should have 1 rep from CDA present with the group. If someone from the LA area can attend, pls let me know.

On a related matter I was in contact with a public policy consulting firm in Sacramento that does legislative bill tracking and advocacy. I worked closely with this company for many years on another statewide association board, and they are about the best in this field. If we were to engage them for bill review, flagging (using relevant key words we provide them) tracking and some level of analysis is \$5,000 month on an annual contract basis so \$60K/yr. for this work. While likely beyond our budget now, we can reconsider working with them when ready/able to make this outlay. I believe this is a worthwhile investment that will position us as lead statewide advocacy organization for Cal. Districts, a main goal we have identified for CDA.

The company is willing to provide references to other a less expensive such firms in Sacto. I told my contact that I would discuss this with the board and get back in touch regarding our decision.

I'd like to include the topic of advocacy re our next board agenda and call in terms of

- a) outside contractor, and
- b) forming an Advocacy Committee from CDA membership to carry forward on issues

We all know there will be many issues, and in fact we have been asked to review and approve 3 others related to homeless and mental health. I'll send those later. But for now, we first need to

deal with SB608.

Can we schedule a conf. call first part of next week? Please indicate your availability below and reply **TO ME ONLY**!!!!

Avail for a CDA Conf Call Week of March 30 – April 2
check all that apply.

- ☐ Monday morning (am)
- ☐ Monday afternoon (pm)
- ☐ Tues am
- ☐ Tues pm
- ☐ Weds am
- ☐ Weds pm
- ☐ Thurs am
- ☐ Thurs pm

Warm regards, Lauren



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Friends, here is a side by side comparison we did. Don't know if the new information contained in the Penal Code is much different than what is already there. I would suggest we have a conference call next week to discuss a strategy. This is tough, because they've taken a lot of things out, but we will essentially have people camping on our sidewalks indefinitely – and BID agents won't be able to address this.

Also attaching the fact sheet from Liu's office.

Thoughts about a conference call?

Kerry